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Toreros stay hot at home

Strong defense leads USD to a 51-40 win over Santa Clara University



First-year guard Myah Pace dived for a ball as part of the Toreros' effort on defense. USD did not allow a single point from Santa Clara in the first quarter.

Photo courtesy of Thomas Christensen

Anderson Haigler Sports Editor

Coming off of a victory against Pepperdine University last week, the University of San Diego women's basketball team continued their momentum during Saturday afternoon's game at the Jenny Craig Pavilion. Donning their pink-and-white breast cancer awareness uniforms, USD muscled their way to a 51-40 victory over Santa

Clara University behind strong performances from both Maya Hood and Aubrey Ward-El.

The Toreros raced to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter, not allowing a single point until the beginning of the second quarter. A large part of this stifling defense was Maya Hood, who led the way with 10 defensive rebounds, six of which came in the first quarter. Her rebounds also came alongside 14 points offensively. Hood, a sixth-year forward, spoke about her performance.

"I know that my role is really big on this team," Hood said. "When I'm getting up on defense, when I'm getting steals and getting the passing game, I think that that creates a lot of energy and momentum for my team, so I just really try to focus on that each game."

USD made the most of the Broncos' turnovers, and Aubrey Ward-El paced the Toreros with 14 points, shooting 6 for 12 from the field.

The Toreros maintained their dominance over Santa Clara throughout the first half, entering halftime with a nine point, 26-16 lead over the Broncos.

As play resumed in the second half, it seemed like USD lacked their energy from the first two quarters. Missed free throws, lapses on defense, and a cold spell offensively resulted in the Toreros' lead shrinking to just one point at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

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Penalties of on-campus cannabis

Celina Tebor
Feature Editor

Marijuana is a recognizable scent to some people, whether they have inhaled it. The scent wafts through the air at the beach, clings to the clothes of San Diegans at nightclubs, and can even be smelled at the University of San Diego. Even though recreational marijuana is now legal in the state of California, it is still illegal at the federal level. Since USD is a federally funded university, the new state laws do not apply to the USD campus.

However, some students still smoke marijuana on campus even though it is not allowed. With dispensaries appearing around the city, accessibility to marijuana is much easier. When students are caught smoking illegally or possess marijuana on campus or under the influence, there can be a range of consequences for their actions.

Junior Christian Yee-Yanagishita has dealt with various marijuana cases in his two years as a Resident Assistant (RA). He is currently an RA in Maher Hall, and resided in Missions B last year, where he managed several situations in which students were caught smoking marijuana. He claimed he handled a case at least once a week.

Even though he could smell marijuana quite frequently, majority of the time the smell was untraceable and residents did not get in trouble for it.

"I can't tell where it's coming from, and by the time I do determine that, our protocol doesn't allow us to act on it without faculty, which is explicitly a community director or ResLife faculty or Public Safety," Yee-Yanagishita said. "So we have to wait for them, and with it being a smell, it often drifts away, and by the time Public Safety gets there, it's not strong enough for them to identify either."

James Miyashiro, Chief of Public Safety, explained that in most instances RAs are the ones who initially call Public Safety and let them know of potential marijuana usage.

"They're the ones that really help us to come down and enforce that, so if they smell something or if they get information that somebody's smoking, they'll call us and then we'll come down and check," Miyashiro said.

Both a Public Safety officer and a member of the Residential Life staff are required to be present in order to search a room for marijuana. Yee-Yanagishita believes the protocol makes it harder for any students to actually be caught.

"I think (the protocol is) what

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Chicano Park gathering

Hundreds of people gather at Chicano Park to celebrate and learn its history

Lilyana Espinoza News Editor

Earlier this month hundreds of people gathered at Chicano Park, a National Historic Landmark about 15 minutes away from the University of San Diego, to partake in an educational tour day.

Although these educational days are planned regularly by the Chicano Park Steering Committee (CPSC), a group established in 1970 made of people who work as stewards of the park, law enforcement was present at the park before the event. This was due to a group of people who claimed to be at the park for a "Patriotic Picnic." The main group labeled themselves as the Bordertown Patriots.

Ethnic Studies professor Alberto Pulido, a member of the CPSC who attended the gathering, spoke about what he saw upon arriving at the park.

"When we arrived, law enforcement had been there in full force," Pulido said. "They had divided the street, put up barriers, there was S.W.A.T. with machine guns, maybe 50-100 officers who were visible, and maybe another 10 vans with officers who were not visible. That was the state of the gathering."

The main dispute was about which flag should be waving in the center of the park. Currently there is an Aztlán flag at the core of the park while an American flag waves by the veterans memorial. The Bordertown Patriots were at Chicano Park

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Chicano Park is located under the Coronado Bridge.

Cameron Fruehe/The USD Vista

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NEWS

Celebration of Chicano Park

An educational tour day welcomes the public to learn about a National Historic Landmark

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because they wanted an American flag to wave in the center of the park.

Theatre professor Evelyn Cruz attended the gathering that day and found it unfortunate that the appearance of the Bordertown Patriots resulted in people being misinformed on the purpose for the gathering.

"You would never know that there were many children, elders in wheelchairs, artists painting, and an inspirational panel of interfaith leaders speaking about inclusivity," Cruz said.

To Cruz, the park has a deep personal connection due to the culture that is embedded in its scenery.

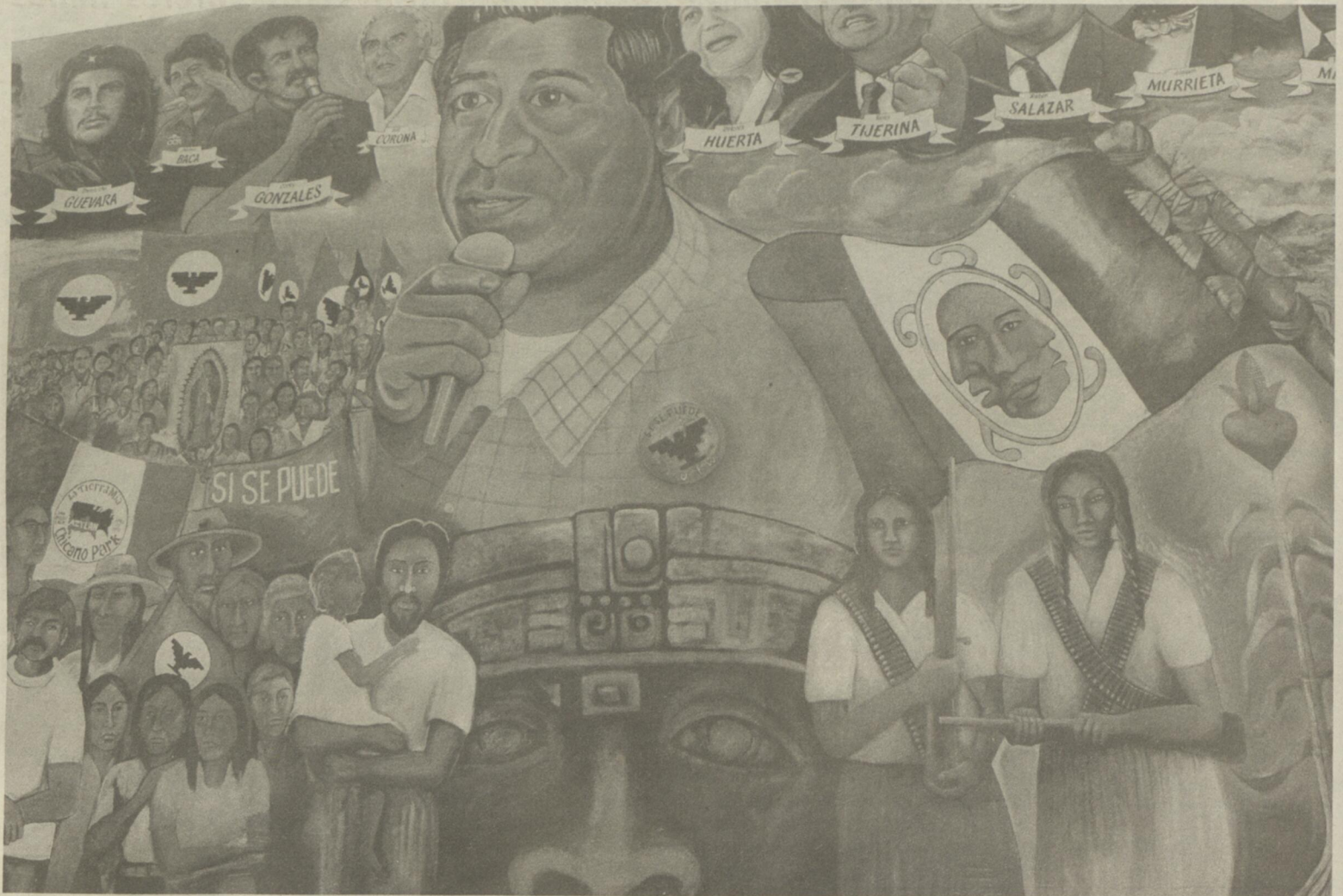
"As a Puerto Rican from the Bronx when the graffiti movement was in full swing, seeing these gorgeous murals was a connection that I couldn't really comprehend at the time," Cruz said. "It felt like a 'home away from home,' of sorts."

Despite the group's initial disruption to the educational tour day, the event continued as planned, according to Pulido.

"I didn't have any reaction (to the opposing group) because we continued doing what we were doing," Pulido said. "These folks showed up and they left. We still had our event. We had an entire agenda to follow."

Pulido explained his favorite part of the day was the opening of the event that revolved around educating the public on the history of the park and speaking messages of inclusivity.

"I really liked the fact that we had Stan Rodriguez, who is an elder from the Kumeyaay Nation, to come and give words and prayer," Pulido



The portraits presented in the mural are meant to recognize the efforts put forth by the Mexican, Spanish, and Mexican-American people in history.

said. "Then we had the Kumeyaay bird singers because it opened up our gathering with a beautiful blessing and a time of peace and reflection. That set the tone and created the energy regardless of if we were Mexican, white, Black, indigenous, legal, or illegal."

The park serves as a reminder of the history of the once-populated area of Barrio Logan that contained nearly 20,000 Chicano Barrio community members, as stated on

the Chicano Park San Diego history webpage. The government took away much of the land as a result of the construction of the Coronado Bridge, and when plans formed in 1970 to take the land under the bridge as well, the CPSC negotiated with city officials. They managed to save the land and by doing so preserved the history of the Chicano people in the area.

Today, the park is filled with murals recognizing the history

and culture of the Chicano people. Junior Bryan Cardenas, a member of Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA), felt a strong connection when in the park. Seeing the park flourish with Chicano culture is what drew him to care for the park.

"I knew that the park is a site of resistance, how the community was dissatisfied with the fact that a ton of families were displaced because of the building of the Coronado bridge, and that they wanted to do something about it to take back the

educational gathering organized by the CPSC.

"Chicano park is a National Historic Landmark, so if people claim to care for their country, this is a part of the country now," Cardenas said. "It is national history. Consider the fact that Chicano history is a part of American history. We are a part of this country and we are not going anywhere."

For 48 years, the park has been a symbol to the Chicano community of the hardships they have faced. Various individuals and groups have

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-Bryan Cardenas



Chicano Park is surrounded by murals that portray stories about Chicanos and their history in the Barrio Logan community.

Cameron Fruehe/The USD Vista

land," Cardenas said. "Also, with all the murals and building of history and community through the art that was represented there, I felt that it was a symbol of my identity as I started to learn more about what it means to be Chicano."

Cardenas implores people to recognize that while caring for this country, they should also care for Chicano Park and its history. This was the fundamental reason for the

dedicated time and hard work to help the park grow. In 1980 Chicano Park was recognized by the San Diego Historical Society as a San Diego Cultural Resource. Last year, the park was declared a National Historic Landmark. This year Chicano Park will celebrate its 48th annual Chicano Park Day on April 21 to share the culture and history of the park, and the members of the community.

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OPINION

Girl power in full effect at USD

Increased female ratio might not always cross Toreros' minds

Taryn Beaufort
Opinion Editor

University of San Diego is home to many students who comprise a diverse demographic, but one gender seems to have a predominant presence on campus — females. This trend is not just apparent at USD, but at other universities throughout the nation, both private and public. The male-female ratio in higher education has steadily moved in favor of females ever since the 1970s, according to Forbes.

A recent statistic for USD's full-time undergraduate enrollment found that the university is composed of 55 percent females and 45 percent males. The reason for the male-female disparities are unknown and may even go unnoticed in the academic environment.

Senior Khalil Suradi doesn't notice the stark difference between female and male attendance at USD.

"I don't think the gap is too big of a gap," Suradi said. "I guess when you are in classes you can notice it a little more, but when you are walking around I still see a fair amount of guys."

While Suradi doesn't think

there is a noticeable difference among the genders on campus, he does admit that the difference becomes more prominent while in the classroom setting.

"I have oftentimes had classes where the majority of students are females," Suradi said. "I'm always a little taken aback because I don't feel like this is an accurate representation of our student body, even though the numbers show that it is."

Suradi described the classroom dynamic of having more females than males present.

"From experience, I see a pattern where women tend to be proactive about handling whatever needs to be handled," Suradi said. "By women having this tendency and there being so many more of them in classes, class discussions can be facilitated better and the performance on group projects enhanced."

However, that may not always be the case, and there can be too much of a good thing.

"There are also some cases where having too many women in the same group can be a distraction to the same women (also the same with too many males)," Suradi said. "So that is why I think it is ideal to have a balance, so both genders can keep each

other focused."

Traditionally men have dominated higher education and the prestigious positions within the workforce. It is interesting to consider what the workforce will look like once all these women graduate and enter the workforce — given their overpowering

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presence at universities.

"I don't know if they will be replacing men, but they will definitely be more in the running for whatever position they are seeking," Suradi said. "Males were dominant in the workforce, but now with the numbers changing, you have women giving them a run for their money. It won't happen immediately, but it's just a matter of time."

Senior Ava O'Brien noted that being one female out of the many females on campus has come to her advantage.

"If anything, having more females around me has given me the opportunity to meet some true friends within the USD community," O'Brien said.

"I think it is really important to attend a school that fosters a safe environment, and having a community mostly made up of women has done that for me."

O'Brien said she hopes that the same can be said for the increasing amount of women attending universities.

"It's great that women are starting to dominate universities nationally, because for so long it used to be the opposite," O'Brien said. "I would love for every woman to have this same experience as I am. And in return, hopefully this allows more women to have the opportunity to take on higher roles and to speak up for what they believe in."

Although senior Martin Cazarez has always been aware of the larger female presence, it goes unnoticed for him on a daily basis.

"The female ratio never really crosses my mind as I go to school day in and day out," Cazarez said. "But, if I were to really think about it, I could see a slightly larger presence on campus from women."

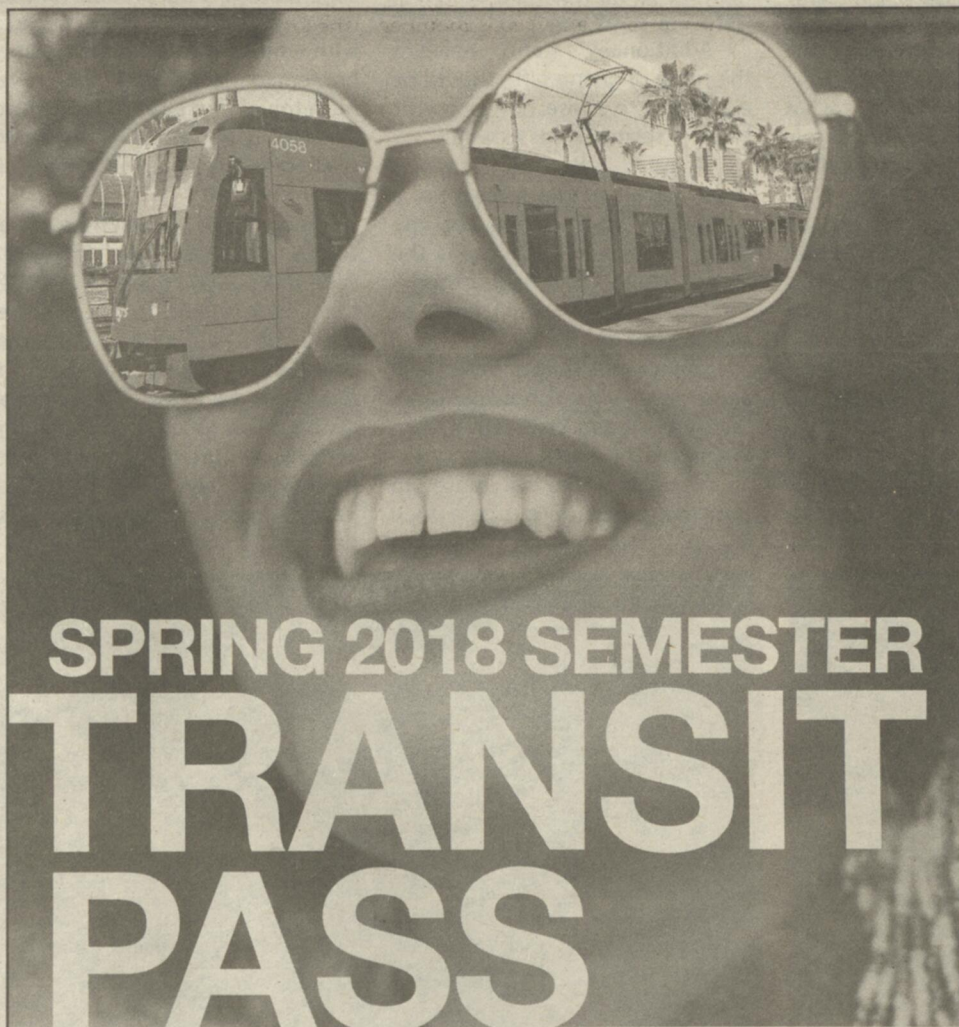
Cazarez doesn't believe that USD becoming overpopulated by women is a distraction for men.

"When it comes to women surrounding you in the workplace, being distracted by them is a frivolous claim," Cazarez said. "I say this because women are everywhere. They are at work, schools, gyms, and so on. If you get distracted by the opposite sex that easily, then you truly don't have the internal motivation to complete your goals in life, because there are always going to be distractions."

Cazarez noted that the disparity between male and female students speaks to an overall trend within society.

"Honestly, I do not think that it is prevalent in just one university, but all universities including private and public," Cazarez said. "I just think women are taking more of an initiative in today's age because of recent events, recent movements. They are recognizing why they want to get out there and take charge."

Women may currently have a stronger presence on USD's campus, but that only reflects positive change. Why this current trend is occurring is still unknown, but it does not look like it will slow down anytime soon.



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461

Male first-years



747

Female first-years

2,537

Male
undergraduates

TOTAL

3,068

Female
undergraduates

Source: USD Office of Institutional Research and Planning

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Giving the many gifts of love

Toreros expand the love through personal, meaningful gifts for all types of relationships



Valentine's Day is often associated with many symbols, some of the most popular being Cupid and hearts. Students can decorate homemade cards with such symbols.

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Taryn Beaufort Opinion Editor

The month of February is upon University of San Diego students, which means another Valentine's Day has arrived. For some Toreros this holiday can bring a bit of stress trying to decide what they should buy for their significant other, where they should take them for dinner, and most importantly whether they have enough funds to do so. Or conversely, Valentine's Day will be another average Wednesday night for other Toreros.

It should be no surprise that Valentine's Day, like many other holidays, is marketed to consumers as a time to shower loved ones with gifts. Some stores put out decorations, candies, and other knick-knacks for people to purchase leading up to the holiday.

However, senior Anna Kalfayan said the meaning of Valentine's Day is to show actions of love to the people you care about — not to buy items.

"I don't think a boyfriend

(or a girlfriend) has to gift their significant other with a gift on Valentine's Day," Kalfayan said. "In fact, I personally think a handwritten card would mean a lot more than a box of chocolates or flowers. There are many other days of the year where a gift is appropriate, but I don't think it's necessary on Valentine's Day."

Kalfayan noted that there are some unwritten rules that accompany gift-giving when it comes to this romantic holiday.

"People think that you can only give gifts to those who are romantically involved," Kalfayan said. "If you have a good friend that is the opposite gender, then you shouldn't feel weird about giving them something. Something like chocolate or candy would be an appropriate gift, as opposed to jewelry, which has more sentimental value."

Sophomore Nicholas Cohn also noted that most holidays have become subject to commodification and Valentine's Day is no exception. Signature gifts for the holiday can include overpriced flowers, excessive amounts of chocolate, and

expensive jewelry.

"While companies can use the holiday as an excuse for profit, it is up to individuals to decide whether or not they will participate in the profit-making or in something potentially more meaningful," Cohn said. "To confront that commodification, you have to ask yourself whether the best way you can express love is through material goods or through other forms of intimacy. Sometimes meaningful acts take money. Nevertheless, the money does not have to determine the meaning."

According to Cohn, what constitutes a good gift should rely more on the creative aspect rather than on the monetary value.

"A really good gift is not an object, but an experience," Cohn said. "If you love the person, you love being with them. A box of chocolate is not always the best way to show that. Don't buy something; do something together."

Valentine's Day can be perceived as a holiday limited to romantically involved couples. But Cohn believes that the holiday

should be expanded to include all relationships — familial, non-romantic, and romantic.

"Valentine's Day is a great opportunity for romantic gestures, but also for gestures of kindness and friendship," Cohn said. "Everyone should celebrate Valentine's Day. Just have fun. It's about love, and even if you're not in a relationship, we all love someone, we all appreciate someone, and we should all take the time to express that, even if in just some small way."

Additionally, Cohn believes the ritual of giving gifts should be expanded to those non-romantic kinds of relationships as well.

"A good gift should express some aspect of the friendship, a symbol of appreciation for the other," Cohn said. "As long as the friends really know each other, a Valentine's gift shouldn't really be all that strange."

Sophomore Sofia Sanchez is in agreement with Cohn: Valentine's Day gifts should steer away from the material nature.

"I think there is more to showing a person you care than giving them a gift," Sanchez

said. "Even just saying 'Happy Valentine's Day' to someone can be a nice act that doesn't involve spending money."

This year, Sanchez will spend Valentine's Day with her friends enjoying good food and the company while exchanging personally made gifts with one another.

"We wanted to give each other gifts, because who doesn't love receiving a gift on Valentine's Day," Sanchez said. "I will probably make funny cards for each of my friends with a nice note and maybe some homemade cookies. It will save me a ton of money and there's just something about receiving a gift that someone took the time and effort to make."

Regardless whether a Torero is romantically involved, Valentine's Day gives everyone the opportunity to celebrate those they care about. This could mean taking the time to reach out to loved ones with a caring message or simply smiling at fellow Toreros on campus. Valentine's Day doesn't always have to mean making purchases that result in being in debt.



A local flower shop on Via Las Cumbres street sells Valentine's flowers to purchase for the festive holiday.

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Some students receive materialistic items, like chocolates, giftcards, and more.

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FEATURE

Cannabis creates consequences

With increased accessibility of marijuana, an increase of use and consequences could occur

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makes enforcing the rules and our job difficult," Yee-Yanagishita said. "Because a lot of the time we know that with the time it takes with our protocol, it's difficult to get a response in time. We do record where we think it happened so we can keep track of it. But it's often difficult to get an immediate response."

The current protocol for RAs when they smell marijuana is to first call Public Safety. After an officer arrives, he or she determines whether the case is severe enough to bring a Residential Life employee to the area. Once both parties are there, they determine whether they will enter a resident's room and search it.

First-year John Winthrop lives in Camino Hall and often catches a whiff of marijuana in the hallways of the second floor.

"(It is) not constant, but I notice the smell every once in a while," Winthrop said. "(It is) more than once a week."

"I feel like the people who do use marijuana will feel more entitled to ... the people who are using it will feel more entitled because they think they're being supported by state law."

-Christian Yee-Yanagishita

While Winthrop chooses not to engage in using marijuana himself, he was not surprised when he smelled the scent for the first time in Camino.

"I met some of the people beforehand and was like, 'They're stoners,'" Winthrop said.

Winthrop believes that more people on campus will start smoking marijuana now that it is recreationally legal in California and more accessible, but Miyashiro stated otherwise.

"We're not really expecting an increase (of marijuana usage) because most of the students know or should know that we have

regulations that say, 'You can't use or possess marijuana on campus,'" Miyashiro said.

Yee-Yanagishita is worried that residents who were already using the drug before it was legal will use it more.

"I feel like the people who do use marijuana will feel more entitled to," Yee-Yanagishita said. "I can't say if I think it'll be used more or less, but it might present itself more. Because the people who are using it will feel more entitled because they think they're being supported by state law."

However, Yee-Yanagishita does not believe the number of people using marijuana on campus will increase.

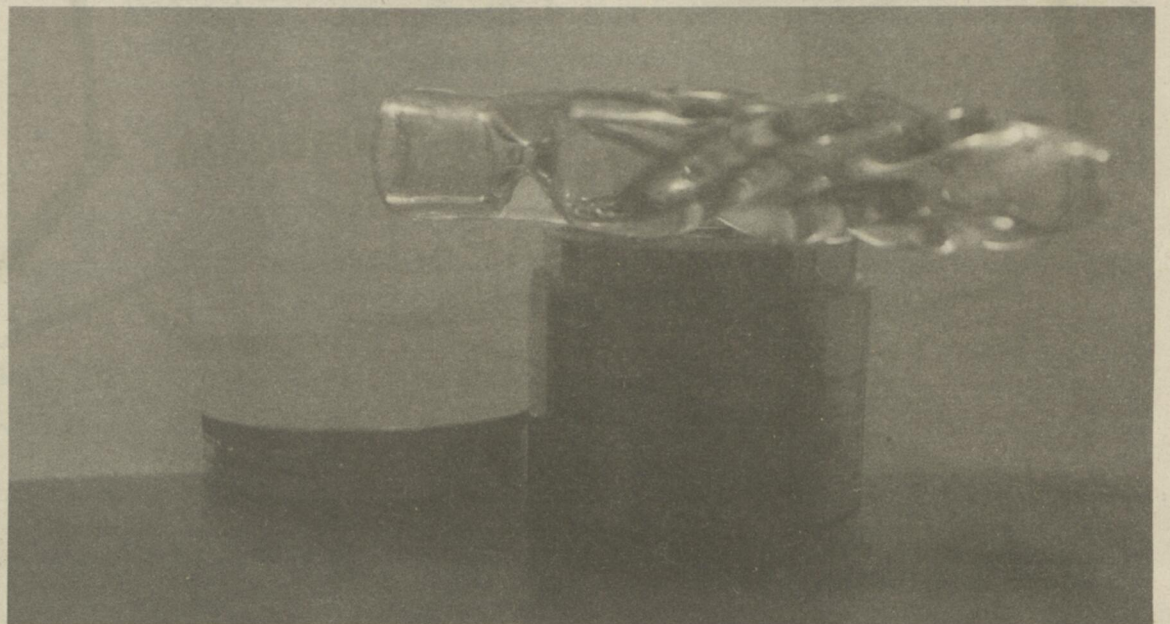
Melissa Halter, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs for Student Wellness, believes that the usage of marijuana on campus may increase based on upward trends of marijuana usage in San Diego County.

Although some might believe that marijuana use will not increase, there have already been cases

of students caught smoking, in possession, or under the influence of marijuana on campus.

According to Public Safety, there were 84 reported marijuana calls in 2017. Of those calls reported, Public Safety verified and took action against 29 of those in violation. According to the Office of Ethical Development and Restorative Practices, the office found 69 students responsible for a marijuana violation in 2017. In 2016, the office found 47 students responsible for a marijuana violation.

There are several factors that go into what kind of punishment a student receives for smoking,



Administration may give out severe sanctions for students who possess or are under the influence of marijuana on campus.

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possessing, or being under the influence of marijuana on campus. Usually, Public Safety sends the case to Student Affairs and they handle the punishment, unless the case is criminal, and then Public Safety calls the police.

Student Affairs abides by the University's Alcohol and Drug Policy, which states, "Violation of any of the standards set forth in this policy will result in appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the university and referral for prosecution."

The Office of Ethical Development and Restorative Practices handles all cases that Public Safety and Residential Life refers to it. Marie Minnick, the Assistant Dean of Students, described how the office usually hears the case.

"There's the two (deans) that hear the individual cases," Minnick said. "And usually for marijuana, and unless there's an implication of distribution or other extenuating circumstances or priors, generally they go before the assistant deans. It's an administrative hearing for a first-time personal use."

If a case has an implication of distribution, other extenuating circumstances, or if the student has prior offenses, there is a possibility of the Critical Issues Board hearing the case. The Critical Issues Board commonly handles more serious cases that can result in suspension or expulsion.

Every case is different, and therefore receives an individual sanction. Halter explained the wide range of sanctions that the Office of Ethical Development and Restorative Practices can give students.

"We really try to work from an educational and wellbeing approach," Halter said. "(If there is) a student who possesses or is using marijuana, or is under the influence, there's a report that's generated—probably because of a behavioral concern. There's a spectrum of sanctions that can be received. But they're very individualized, and often it might be something like an assessment with our Center for Health and Wellness Promotion. It could be expulsion."

There are a wide array of sanctions and no automatic sanctions based on guidelines, but Minnick explained a common sanction that the Office of Ethical

Development and Restorative Practices gives out for first-time users. The office generally gives out a fine, a connection with the Center for Health and Wellness Promotion, and a university probation. If the student is under 21, the office may contact his or her family. A student does not have to consent for the office to contact his or her family under the rules of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Halter explained that whether a family is contacted depends on the individual case.

"We look to create sanctions that are going to best support the student moving forward, so there may be a situation where it makes a lot of sense to contact the family, and there may be a situation where

to a felony.

"(The punishment) can be anything from an infraction to a felony, depending on how much they have, what they're doing with it," Miyashiro said.

Yee-Yanagishita explained that the range of circumstances that affect the punishment makes it hard for RAs to define consequences to residents.

"When we come to those things, we can't really explain what's going to happen because a lot of other factors come into play, too," Yee-Yanagishita said. "It's not just the offense. It's how they conducted themselves, prior history. So many different aspects. Those are just a couple to name."

Miyashiro explained that even if a student smokes weed legally

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-Melissa Halter

it doesn't," Halter said.

Probation can last for a semester, a year, or longer depending on the circumstances. If a student violates policy while on probation, they can be suspended. Usually a suspension is at least for a semester and can last for longer.

Every student has the opportunity to present their side of the story if the Office of Ethical Development and Restorative Practices hears their case. Minnick explained that the office hears cases by a "more-likely-than-not standard," which means that it is more likely than not that the student will receive a sanction for his or her behavior.

Miyashiro explained the possibilities of what students could face if Public Safety caught them with marijuana on campus and the cases were criminal. If anyone has over an ounce of marijuana in their possession, the case is criminal and the police are called by Public Safety. Depending on how much over an ounce they have in possession, they can receive a misdemeanor or even a felony. California regulations do not specify an exact amount of marijuana possession at which the crime changes from a misdemeanor

off-campus, and then comes back on campus intoxicated, the Office of Ethical Development and Restorative Practices can still give them a sanction.

"If they're under the influence, it's the same as if they're over-intoxicated (with alcohol)," Miyashiro said. "There's a detox center that we can take them to, and there's also a hospital we can take them to if they're in serious need."

Winthrop believes the punishments that students can receive for using or possessing marijuana are reasonable.

"It seems logical," Winthrop said. "It's a Catholic school, for one. So I think the Catholic Church isn't exactly for recreational weed usage. Also, it's a learning institution; it's not a place where you should be smoking, personally. Do that somewhere else."

While the smell of marijuana may become more prevalent in the air, Public Safety does not expect usage to increase at the university. The green palm trees will continue to sway in the air, but another type of green is expected to stay off campus. And if it does not, the administration may hand out severe punishments.

Marijuana violations at USD in 2016 and 2017

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The Office of Ethical Development and Restorative Practices received 47 cases in which the students were found responsible for a marijuana violation

Student orgs at USD

Black Student Union (BSU)

- Mondays, 7 p.m.
- BSRC (UC113)

National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)

African Student Union (ASU)

- Wednesdays (bi-weekly) starting Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m.
- UPMC (SLP 418)

Black Graduate Student Association

Black History Month

February is Black History Month, the month in which the nation celebrates the achievements of African Americans in American society. San Diego is one of the most diverse cities in the United States, according to WalletHub, and USD is recognizing that diversity with an array of events in honor of Black History Month. Join San Diego and USD as they celebrate Black culture, and discuss both the history and current issues of being black in America.

USD Sponsored Events

USD Just Read! Black Panther: Between the World and Wakanda

- Thursday, Feb. 22
- 12-2 p.m.
- KIPJ Room H

BSRC Faculty Speaker Series: Black Faculty Chats, Topic: TBA

- Wednesday, Feb. 21
- 5-6 p.m.
- UC 113

BLSA Speaker Series: Duane Bernet

- Monday, Feb. 26
- 12-12:50 p.m.
- Location TBD

BLSA Speaker Series: #metoo panel featuring all Black Attorneys

- Wednesday, Feb. 28
- 12-12:50 p.m.
- Location TBD

BSRC African Diaspora Fest

- Tuesday, Feb. 20
- 12:15-2 p.m.
- Paseo de Colachis

BSRC Faculty Speaker Series: Black Faculty Chats, Topic: Reclaiming the Civil Rights Movement

- Tuesday, Feb. 27
- 5-6 p.m.
- UC 113

BSU Step Show

- Tuesday, Feb. 20
- 6:30 p.m.
- UC Forum C

On Being Black: USD, San Diego, and America — Past, Present, and Future

- Wednesday, Feb. 28
- 6-7:30 p.m.
- MRHH, Warren Auditorium

BGSA and SOLES Film Series: I Am Not Your Negro

- Tuesday, Feb. 27
- 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- MRHH 102

BSRC/TPB: Black Panther Movie Night in collaboration with UCSD, SDSU, and CSU San Marcos

- Friday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m.
- Reading Cinema, 4665 Clairemont Dr., San Diego, CA 92117

Associated Students/BSRC/BSU/TPB: Discover

San Diego Day Trip

- Saturday, Feb. 24
- Location & time TBD

Student-led Symposium on Beyoncé's Lemonade

- Monday, Feb. 19
- 4-5:30 p.m.
- Humanities Center, Serra 200

Off-Campus Events

Black Panther screening by African-American Association of County Employees

- Monday, Feb. 19
- 1-3 p.m.
- UltraStar Cinema, 7510 Hazard Center Dr., San Diego, CA 92108
- Free!

"Our Living Heritage 2018" - Black History Reenactment of Heroes & Heroines

- Saturday, Feb. 24
- 6-8 p.m.
- Greater Antioch Church of God in Christ, 3102 Clay Avenue, San Diego, CA 92113
- \$10

AAACE Tour of African Museum Casa del Rey Moro San Diego

- Sunday, Feb. 18
- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Casa del Rey Moro, 2471 Congress Street, San Diego, CA 92110
- Donation request of \$5

San Diego African American Museum of Arts Exhibit

- San Diego African American Museum of Fine Art
- Jan. 1-Apr. 1
- Free!

San Diego Annual Kuumbafest '18

- Feb. 22-Feb. 25
- San Diego Repertory Theater, 79 Horton Plaza, San Diego, CA 92101
- \$5, \$15, or \$20 depending on which event



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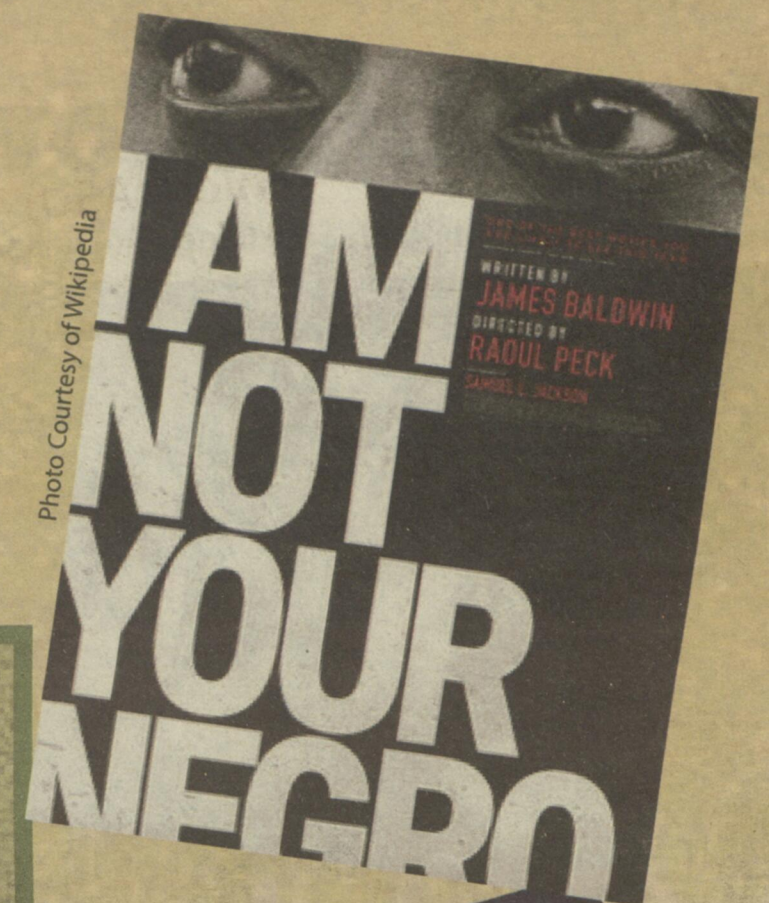


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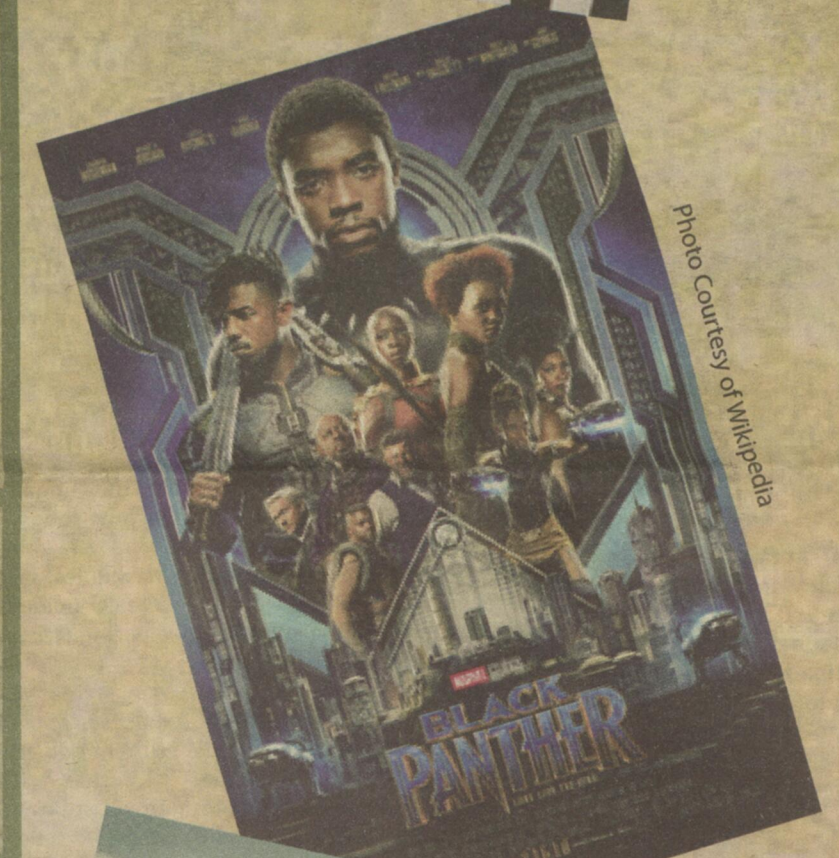


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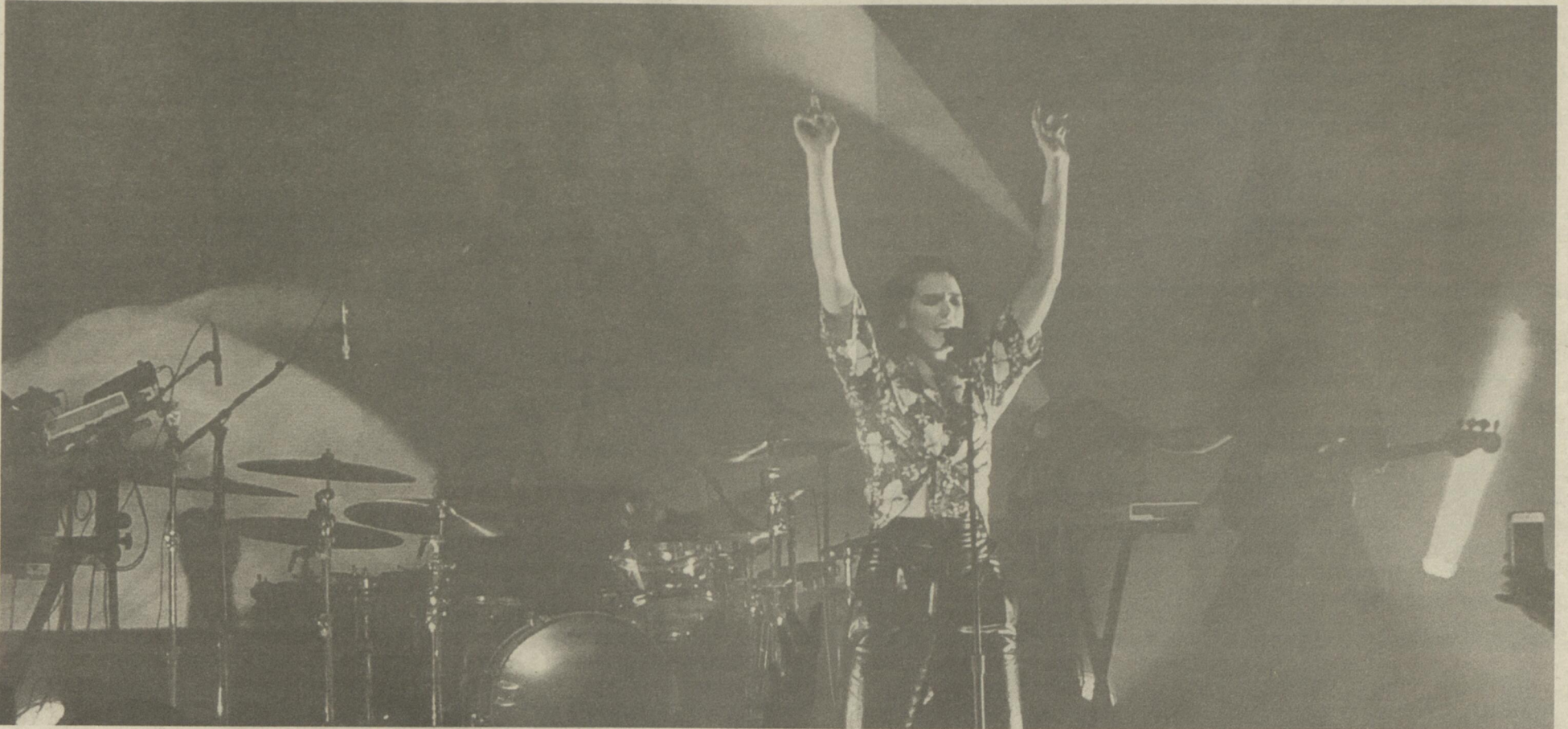


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ARTS & CULTURE

Dua Lipa blows fans' minds

Singer performs at San Diego House of Blues during her 2018 self-titled tour



Dua Lipa put on a riveting performance with a live band downtown on Saturday Feb. 10 performing her top hits.

Photo courtesy of John McNicholas

John McNicholas Contributor

Striking, talented, and ambitious: all words that capture the essence of one of today's most popular new musical artists, Dua Lipa. Lipa first gained global recognition for her musical ability on her song with Martin Garrix "Scared to Be Lonely" in January 2017. However, this recognition was only brief and Lipa faded back into obscurity shortly after.

In July of 2017, Lipa released her hit single "New Rules," which marked her stratospheric rise to stardom. "New Rules" quickly rose to number one on the Billboard charts after its release, and once again showcased Lipa's musical

talent on the world stage. Lipa is now a musical force to be reckoned with.

Lipa was born in London, England in 1995 and began her singing career performing covers of her favorite artists on YouTube as a teenager. At the age of 22, Lipa is currently touring countless cities and countries on her self-titled tour.

San Diego's House of Blues was among the places selected for Lipa to perform on her tour. The venue is typically known for its intimate setting and the classic feel of an older concert hall. As people arrived at the House of Blues, the line stretched around the block, full of excited fans ready for the show. Many fans lined up hours early for a chance at the coveted front-row position that allows one to be mere feet from the artist up

on stage.

First-year and Dua Lipa fan Adriana Azarloza is an avid listener to the singer and recalled her favorite songs.

"My favorite Dua Lipa song is 'New Rules,'" said Azarloza. "She has a really unique style and she's an amazing artist that I can tell will do great things this year. I really like her alternative and retro style; it makes her stand out against other current pop artists."

Inside, the tightly-packed crowd anticipated Lipa's arrival to stage. A series of flashing lights accompanied by a quick beat foreshadowed her entrance as the crowd went wild and the energy in the room instantly surged. Lipa's eye-catching arrival into the room set the scene for the rest of the show. Walking out on stage with striking blue eyeshadow and an

elaborate floral shirt, she made a grand statement even before she sang her first lyric. Her confidence and elegance abounded as she moved across the stage and performed her music, leaving the crowd eagerly anticipating what would come next.

Lipa performed many of her top hits, which included "New Rules," "IDGAF," "Be The One," "Lost In Your Light," "Hotter than Hell," and "Blow your Mind." Although all of her songs were well-performed, Lipa truly saved the best for last with her performance of "New Rules." Like the grand finale at a fireworks show, Lipa put everything she had into her last song of the night and went out with a bang. The song that began Lipa's career was the last to rock the halls of the House of Blues that night and left the audience wanting more.

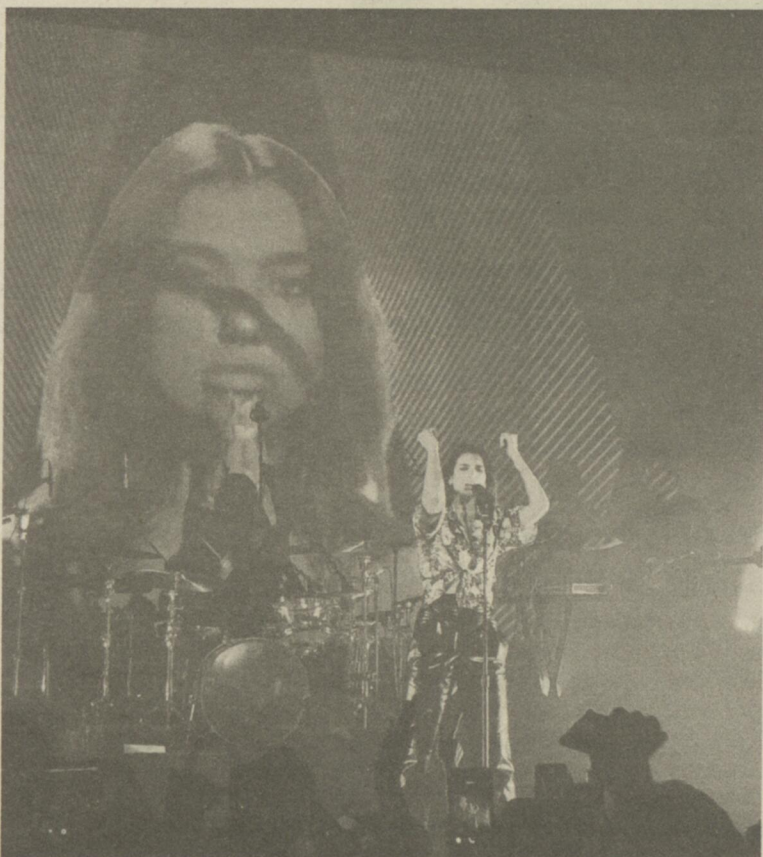
Upcoming shows at HOB:

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February 23

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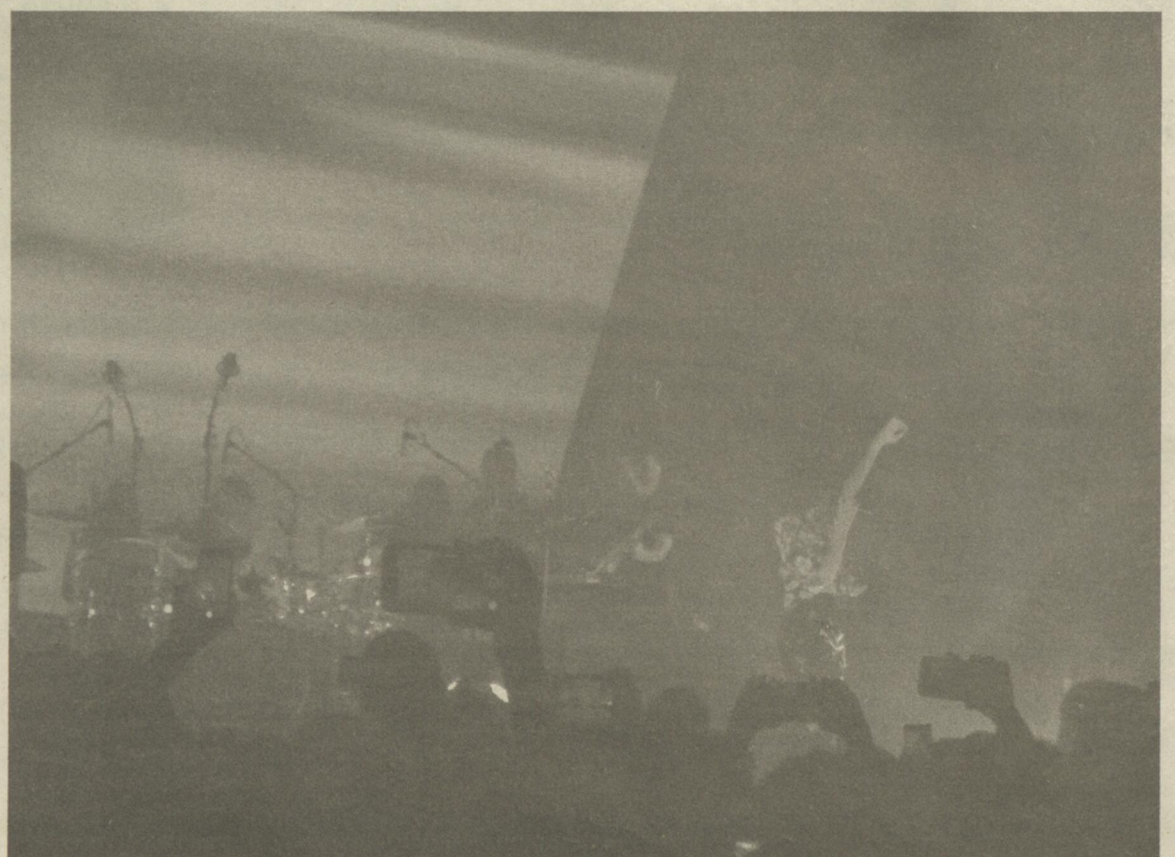
New Politics
March 8

Ty Dolla \$ign
April 5
Ages 21+ only



Dua Lipa's stage visuals added to the ambience of the concert.

Photo courtesy of John McNicholas



The singer performed her hits "New Rules" and "Be The One."

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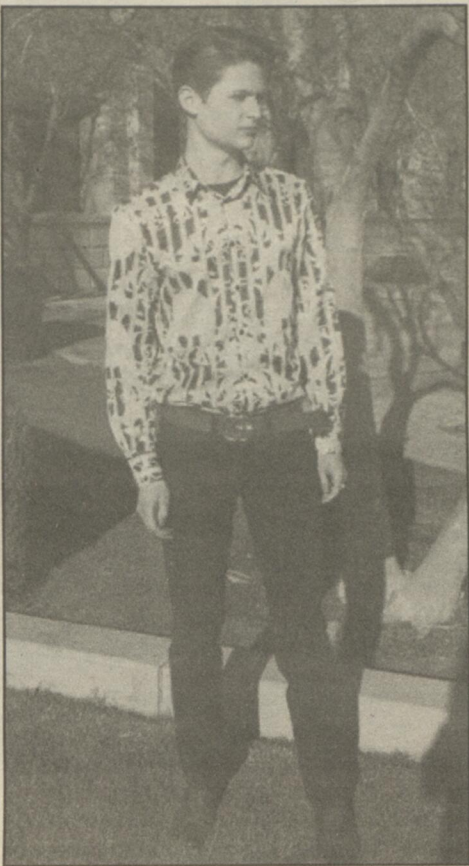
Torero Trends: February

Students style new looks at the beginning of the spring semester

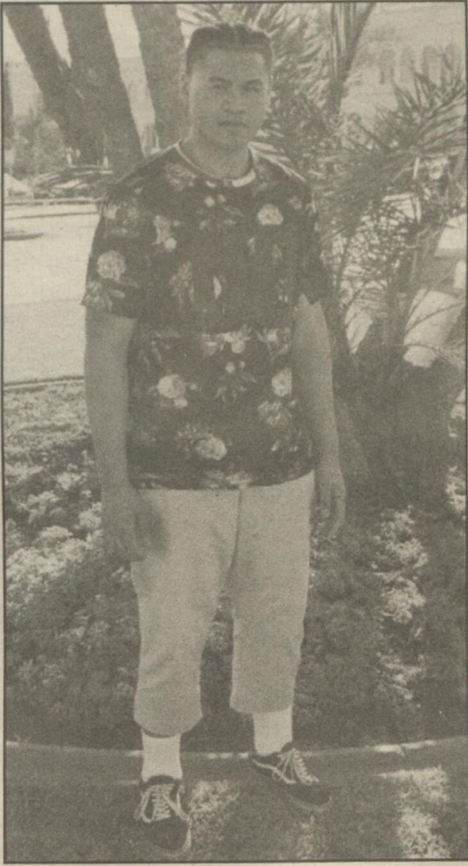
The first few weeks of school Toreros flaunted some trendy looks. Common fashion trends of 2018 seem to be a favorite pair of Levi's and a vintage T paired with sneakers — a comfy-casual style especially when on campus all day.



Natalie Fournier, Senior
Outfit: Jeans (Brandy Melville), shoes (Reebok), shirt and jacket (Depop), beret (eBay).



Zach Bernstein, Junior
Outfit: Nordstrom head to toe.



Sateki Kinikini, First-Year
Outfit: Shirt and pants (H&M), shoes (Vans).



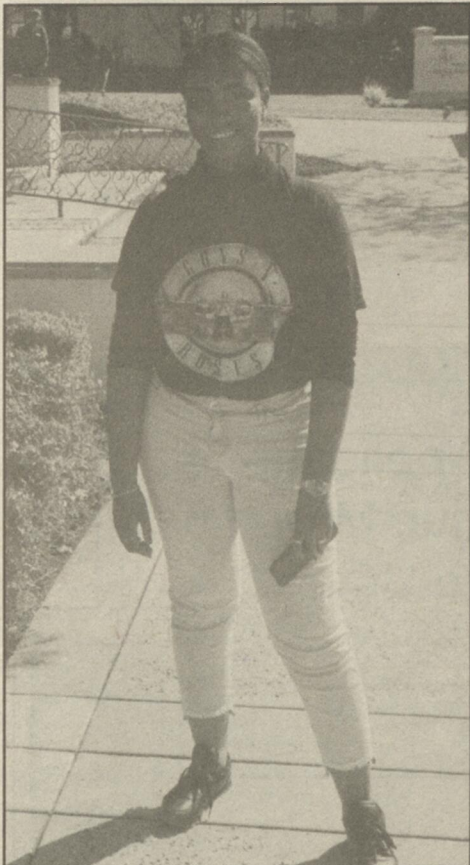
Colleen Brown, Senior (left)
Outfit: Jeans (Vintage Levi's), shoes (Nike Air Force Ones).
Devyn Parry, Senior (right)
Outfit: Jeans (Levi's), jacket (Reformation), shoes (Supergas).

"My style inspiration is mainly off Instagram or there's a lot of cute boutiques in OB (Ocean Beach) on Newport Ave. that have great, unique pieces."

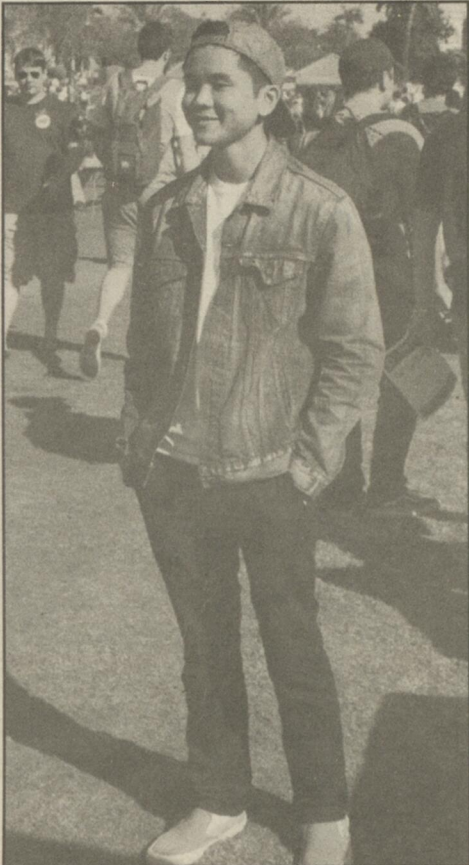
-Natalie Fournier

"My inspiration is fashion magazines and blogs. Nordstrom is my go to for almost everything."

-Zach Bernstein



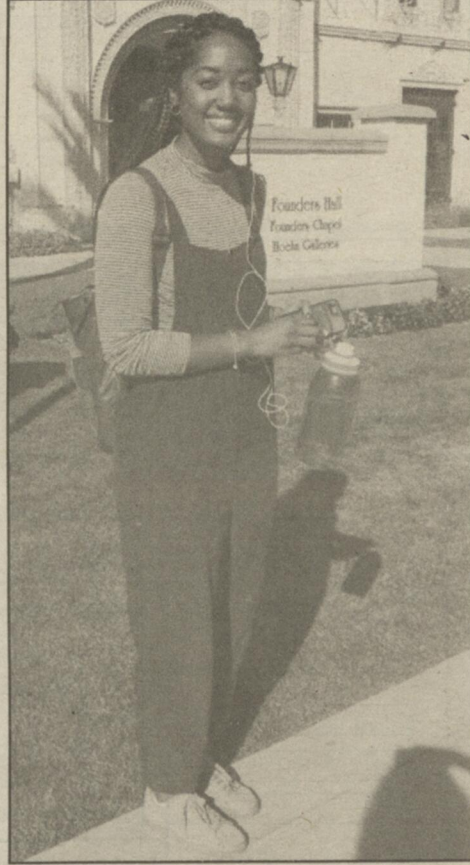
Tyra Aguirre, Junior
Outfit: Shirt and jeans (Missguided), shoes (Reebok).



Ryan Miranda-Cacdac, Senior
Outfit: Jacket (Levi's), shoes (Vans).



Cameryn Seymour, Junior
Outfit: Dress (Urban Outfitters), shoes (Dr. Martens).



Azaria Baldwin, Sophomore
Outfit: Overalls (Urban Outfitters), shoes (Puns).

Barrio Logan Art Crawl

Local San Diego artists display their art at the monthly art walk

Nicole Kuhn
Arts & Culture Editor

The thud of speakers being blown to their limits with swanky music and the lull of voices chatting and laughing gives way to a familiar scene for those in the Barrio Logan artist community. It is the Barrio Logan Art Crawl — a night where galleries line the streets of the famous Chicano neighborhood opening their doors to the public to showcase their work. It is an intimate way to get

senior Nour Suleiman's first time at the art walk. She joined the crowd with a few friends for a different kind of night out.

"Each space was really unique and the atmosphere was so fun and welcoming," Suleiman said. "My favorite part was meeting the artists and the people who owned the spaces. They were all so passionate about the work they do and it makes it that much more enjoyable."

Suleiman heard about the art walk from a friend and also from previously visiting the area.

"My experience was unlike most art events I've been to. Each venue felt like a unique sort of party with its own style, and for anybody who chooses to go in the future I would recommend trying to get to know the artists and the intentions behind their work."

-Nour Suleiman

to know some of the people who make the Barrio Logan community unique.

The Barrio Logan Art Crawl is a self-guided tour that happens every second Saturday of the month from 3-10 p.m. With plenty of studios down the street, from Cafe Moto to La Bodega Gallery, the street is filled with art fanatics. The galleries often include complimentary drinks and snacks, as well as appearances from the artists and oftentimes live music, too. Vendors line up on the sidewalk and sell various food such as street tacos and hot dogs.

The most recent art walk took place on Saturday Feb. 10. It was

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The studio where the art was shown known as Hayes Burger exists as a burger and fry joint during the day and a studio decorated with art during the night. The featured artist, Itamar Lilienthal, is a local artist who has featured his artwork at previous art walks in Barrio Logan. Lilienthal said that Barrio Logan is one of his



Work of Lilienthal showcased above at the Barrio Art Crawl.

Nicole Kuhn/ The USD Vista

favorite spots to feature his art.

"The easy answer is because my best friend has a spot here and it's the coolest part of San Diego," said Lilienthal. "The longer answer is being Mexican and growing up in San Diego, Barrio Logan is the most happening spot that is cultivating culture in a groovy, inclusive way."

His art ranges from a "Mexican Express" credit card print, a canvas of a man smoking next to a dragon pet, inflatable furniture, among others.

The Barrio Art Crawl is open for all, and The Urbanist website has a complete list of upcoming art walks. If you are looking for an intimate experience Barrio Logan is the

perfect place. From exploring new art to interacting with local artists, the art walk has much to offer, and one might even end up leaving with a piece of art for their own keepsake.

Next Art Crawl:

March 9, 4 p.m - 10 p.m

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SPORTS

Toreros take down Broncos

14 points from both Maya Hood and Aubrey Ward-El earn the Toreros a victory

Basketball from Page 1

Charise Holloway led the Broncos' efforts to get back in the game, scoring nine of her 19 total points in the third quarter.

The Toreros, however, were not about to let this game slip away. They halted Santa Clara's comeback at 33-32, and quickly surged back against the Broncos. At the center of the Toreros' quick fourth-quarter turnaround was Aubrey Ward-El, who scored seven of her 14 total points in the final quarter. As the game

wound its way to a close, the stingy Torero defense from the first half returned, and Santa Clara faded as USD collected a victory.

USD head coach Cindy Fisher said that she liked how her team closed out Saturday's game.

"I was just really proud of them finishing," Fisher said. "I thought we came out of the gates strong. We had a great gameplan going into this game and we executed it perfectly. Santa Clara came back, and they have a lot of tough kids on their roster. Charise Holloway, we knew that she could get

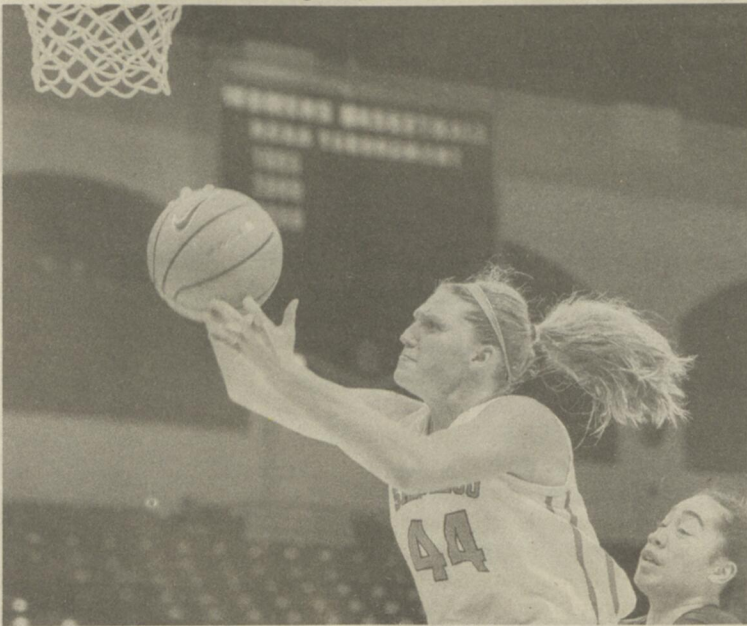
going, and we let her get away from us a couple times. But I just thought that our kids executed well down the stretch. We fixed our defense a little bit and got them a little off balance, and just did some really nice things."

Saturday's victory against the Broncos marked USD's second straight win, and moved the Toreros to 14-11 on the year, evening their conference record at 7-7. This places them squarely in the middle of the West Coast Conference (WCC) standings at sixth place. With only four games remaining against three of the five teams that sit above them in the standings, the Toreros will have a chance to ascend to the WCC tournament on a high note.

Coach Fisher spoke about her outlook for the rest of the regular season.

"It's just about getting better every game we can until that conference tournament gets here and then going in there to win that thing," Fisher said.

The Toreros will embark on a road trip for a series of games at University of the Pacific, Brigham Young University, and Gonzaga University before returning home for their last game. Their regular season concludes with a game against the University of San Francisco on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. in the JCP.



Senior Sydney Williams drives toward the hoop; she had nine points in the game.

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Aubrey Ward-El scored 14 points in the Toreros' victory over Santa Clara University.

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First-years shine in USD loss

Halle Kyler and Katie Vretzos impress, but USD drops home opener to Campbell, 3-1



First-year right hander Halle Kyler pitched 5.1 innings for USD, surrendering just one run on two hits with seven strikeouts.

Cyrus Lange/The USD Vista

Anderson Haigler
Sports Editor

The University of San Diego's softball team opened their spring season with a game against Campbell University last Thursday. Under the lights at the USD Softball Complex, a festive atmosphere for opening night was certainly present, but ultimately the Toreros lost the game 3-1.

Behind a strong pitching performance from first-year Halle Kyler, the Toreros surrendered just four hits.

The most significant of those hits came in the second inning, when Campbell's Lizabeth McCurry hit a two-run homer off of USD's Delaney Heller to right field to give the Camels a 2-0 lead. Heller, who started the game, exited after just 1 2/3 innings pitched.

Following that two-run blow, however, Kyler came in and effectively silenced a rowdy Campbell team for the majority of the game. Kyler, a right-handed pitcher from nearby Lakeside, California, pitched more like a seasoned veteran than a first-

year player. In her first collegiate appearance, Kyler allowed just one run on two hits across 5 1/3 innings, striking out seven in the process.

USD head softball coach Melissa McElvain spoke about the first-year pitcher's performance.

"Halle threw well," McElvain said. "She came in when we were behind in the game and just attacked the zone. She throws pretty hard and she just did a

complete game and kept the Torero offense in check with the exception of a late-inning rally.

Things heated up for the Toreros in the fifth inning when first-year second baseman Katie Vretzos singled to shallow left field with the bases loaded, driving in designated hitter Sara Stone. Beyond that, though, the Toreros were unable to capitalize.

Following two strikeouts

team about making an adjustment, shortening up, and putting the ball in play. (Richards) was throwing up in the zone and we were chasing that a little bit, so we just need to make an adjustment."

Regardless of the Torero loss, McElvain said that she was impressed with the performance of her first-year players, including second baseman Katie Vretzos. Vretzos was 2-4 and batted in the Toreros' only run of the game.

"(Kyler and Vretzos) came in and settled in, and they did a really good job," McElvain said. "Two freshmen did an awesome job for us, Katie hitting-wise and Halle pitching-wise, so that was great. It's exciting to see."

As for the season ahead, McElvain said her team has a lot to look forward to.

"It's very early; we're definitely not worried," McElvain said. "It's just about how quickly we can make adjustments, at bat to at bat, even pitch to pitch. But we saw good things, we saw really good things."

The Toreros return home Thursday, March 1 at 6 p.m. for an evening game against Long Beach State University.

"We had some quality at-bats, but we had too many strikeouts. We really have to do a better job at just putting the ball in play, especially with runners in scoring position."

-Coach Melissa McElvain

really good job of going right at hitters. Her dropball was really effective against this team so we just kept going to that, and she did a really good job with it."

Kyler's pitching performance wasn't enough for the Toreros during the game. Offensively, USD had their chances, but left nine players on base. Campbell's Megan Richards pitched a

and a groundout, USD left the bases loaded in the fifth. McElvain attributed the Toreros' lack of offense to not putting the ball in play enough.

"We had some quality at-bats, but we had too many strikeouts," McElvain said. "We really have to do a better job at just putting the ball in play, especially with runners in scoring position. We talked as a

FINAL:
Campbell 3, USD 1

SCORE BY INNINGS

	Campbell	USD
Innings: 1	0	0
2	2	0
3	0	0
4	0	0
5	0	1
6	0	0
7	1	0
RUNS	3	1
HITS	4	6
ERRORS	0	1

Upcoming games for the Toreros:

USD vs. Long Beach State
March 1 @ 6 p.m.

USD vs. Colorado State
March 2 @ 4:30 p.m.

USD vs. UCLA
March 3 @ 7 p.m.



First-year Katie Vretzos led the way offensively with two hits and one RBI.
Cyrus Lange/The USD Vista



Coach Melissa McElvain said that she was pleased with the performances of her first-year players during their first game.
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